

In the Specification:

Amend the paragraph on page 12, lines 4-17, of the instant application --

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After setting has been carried out for the ~~network interface~~  
~~subscriber line unit 6, the network interface subscriber line~~  
unit 6 produces an acknowledgement signal 39 which is passed  
on to the recognition unit 33 via the control unit 31. After  
the subscriber line unit 10 has been set, the associated  
control unit 32 produces a further acknowledgement signal 40  
which is likewise passed on to the recognition unit 33. The  
recognition unit 33 in turn produces an aggregate  
acknowledgement signal 41 from the two acknowledgement signals  
39 and 40, and this aggregate acknowledgement signal is passed  
to an evaluation device 42 in the switching unit 2. The  
evaluation device 42 then controls a corresponding matching  
device 43 such that the transmission quality between the two  
subscriber terminals 8 and 12 is at an optimum. --

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